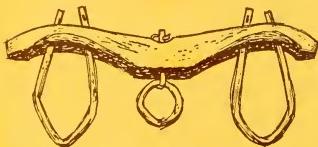


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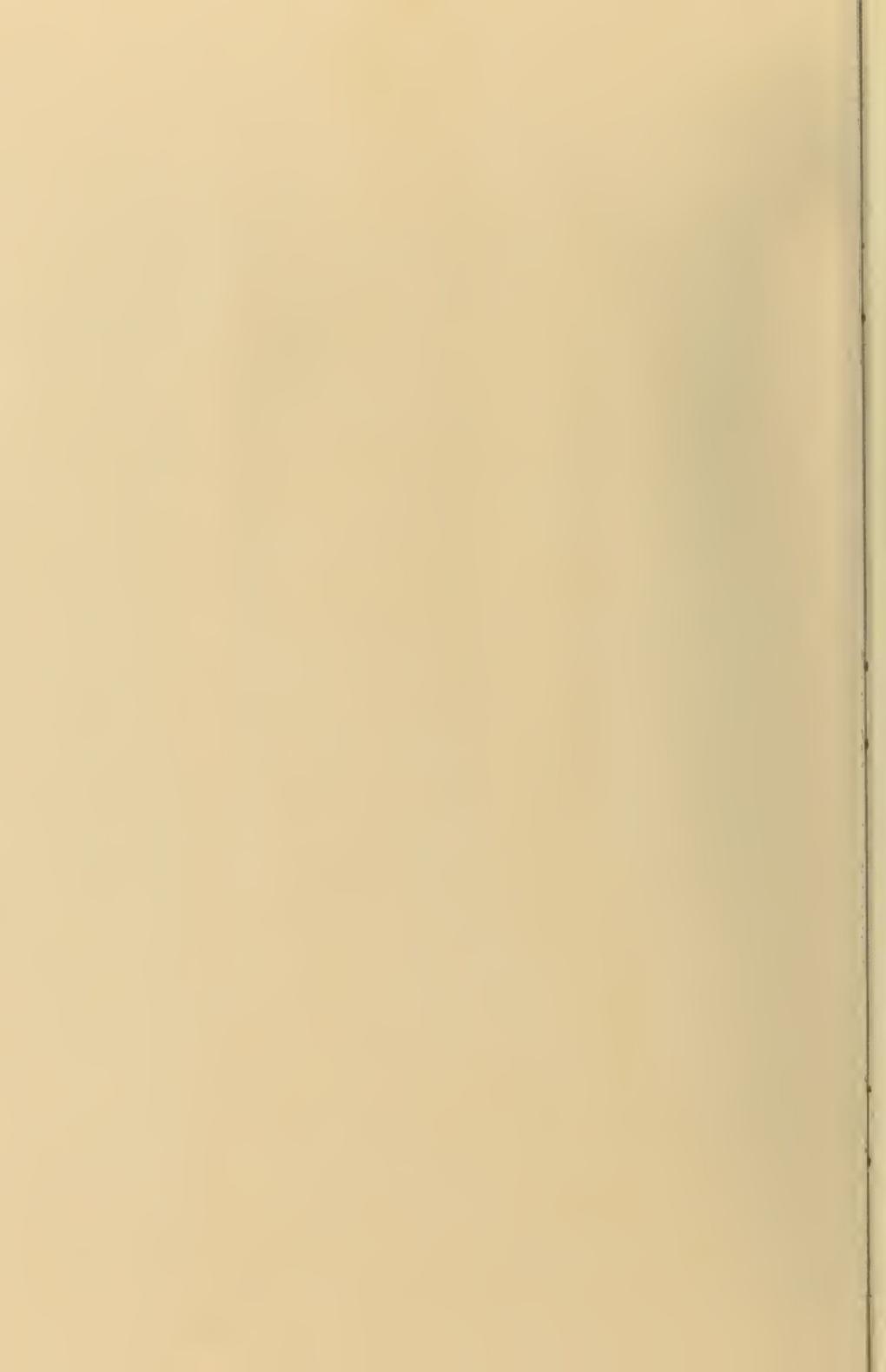


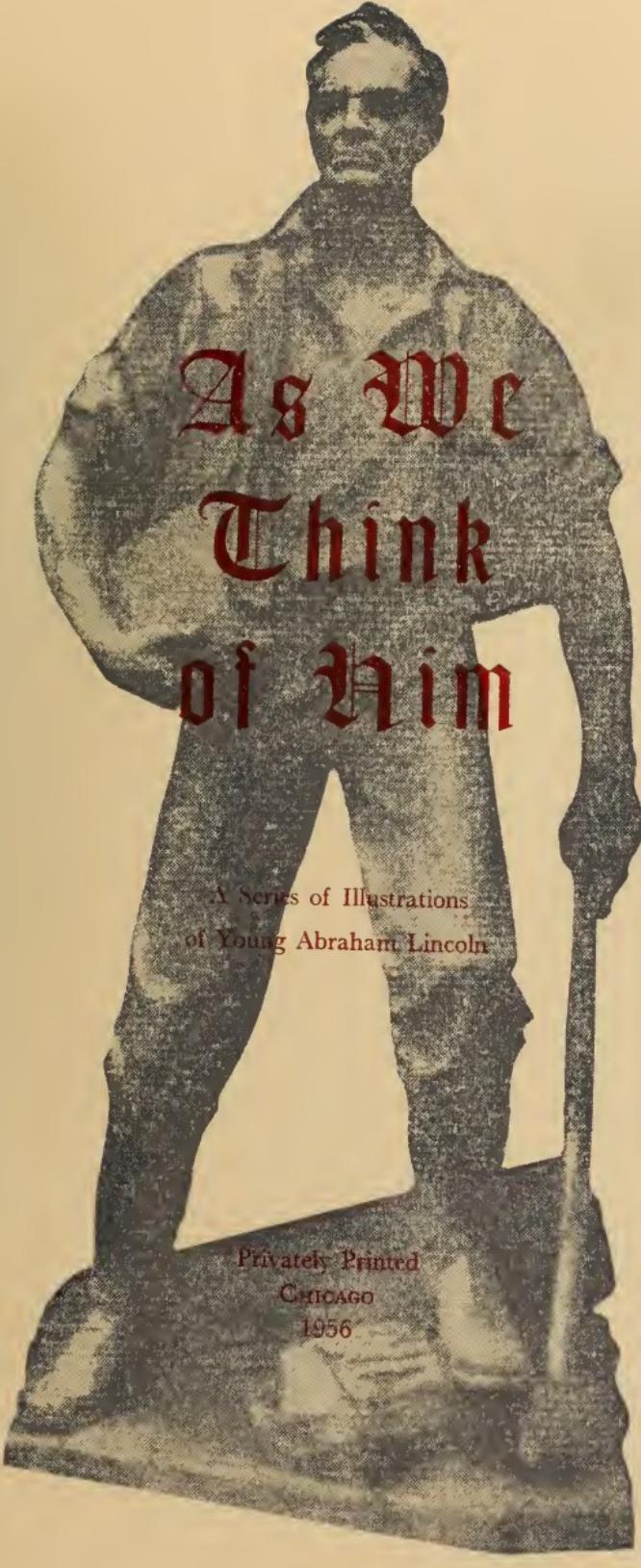












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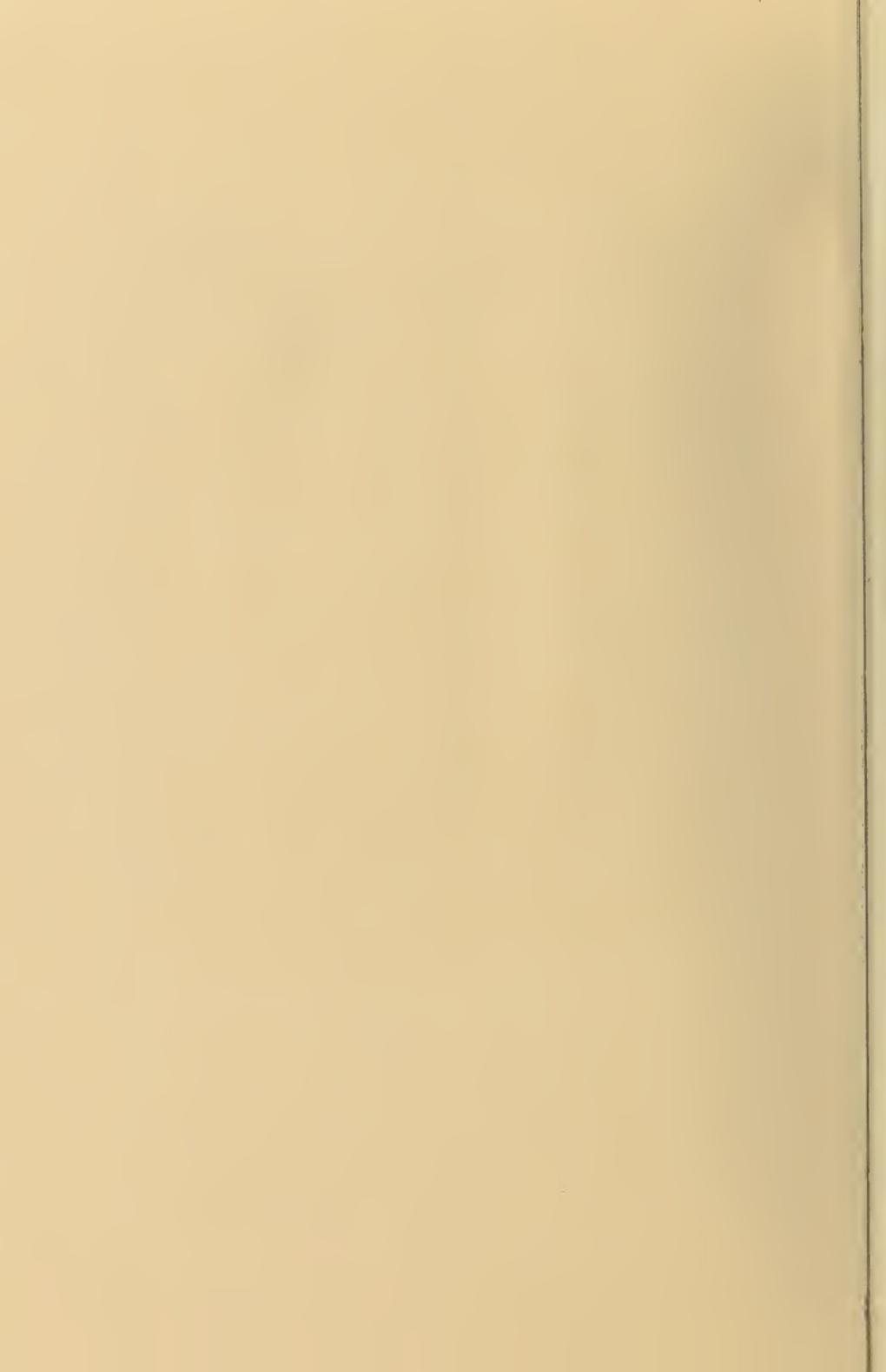
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## Prefatory

*As We Think of Him*, he is a robust youth, a flat-boatman, a railsplitter, a fun-loving wrestler, a jack-of-all trades, a volunteer soldier, a frontier storyteller, a self taught lawyer, and all the other down to earth characterizations that fit young Abraham Lincoln during his first five or six years in Illinois.

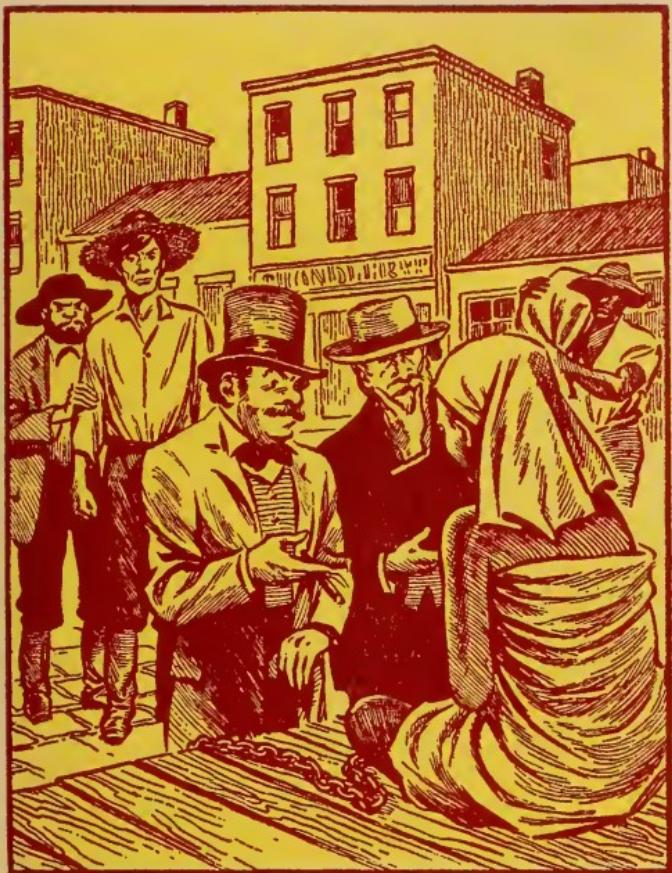
The rest of the country may think of him as an occupant of the White House at a critical time; as a figure towering with or above Franklin, Washington, Jackson and others; as a martyr who gave his life because of his symbolism, even as others in past history have done.

Yet, *As We*, in Illinois, *Think of Him*, he is associated with log cabins; he towers above frontier characters, some of whom were quite towering; he lives not as martyr but as the symbol of Illinois, Land of Lincoln.

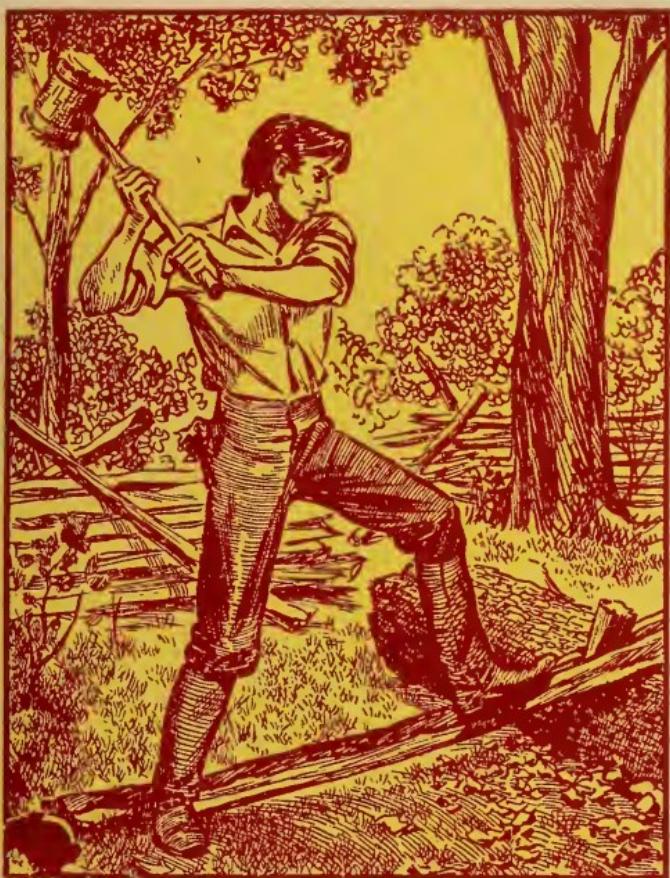
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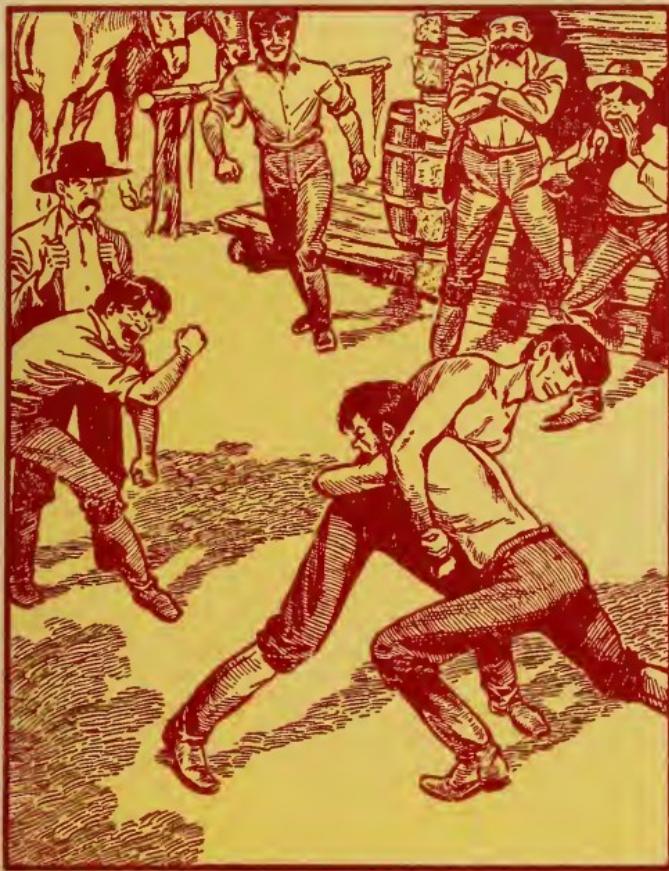
Down the Mississippi by flatboat he went and saw  
the barbarism called slavery. Even then, as a youth,  
his observations carried with them a dedicated  
quality.



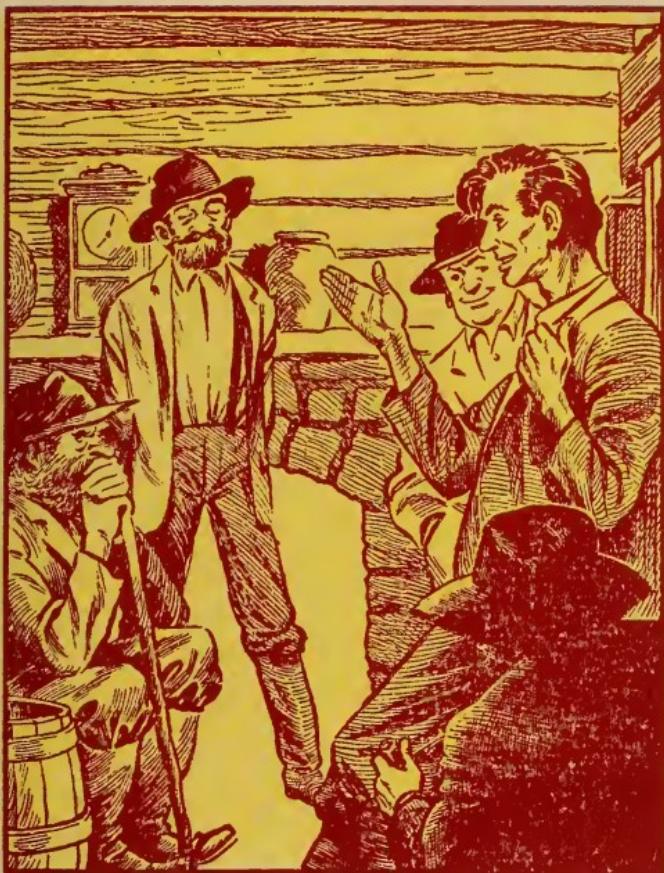
His first job was splitting rails, sometimes a thousand a day, little knowing he was chopping out his campaign nickname thirty years prior to its use.



Games on the frontier were rough and tumble, but all in good fun and sportsmanship. Even after he sat in the White House some oldsters remembered only that, he was a hard wrestler to beat.



In the natural course of his everyday work he stopped often, we are told, to spin yarns, and somehow gave himself an education in public speaking.



From a frontier jaypee he culled the rudiments of law, and within months began to apply his legal knowledge practically and to the benefit of others.



Early he learned the hurt that goes with life and  
never forgot its meaning or its place in our existence.







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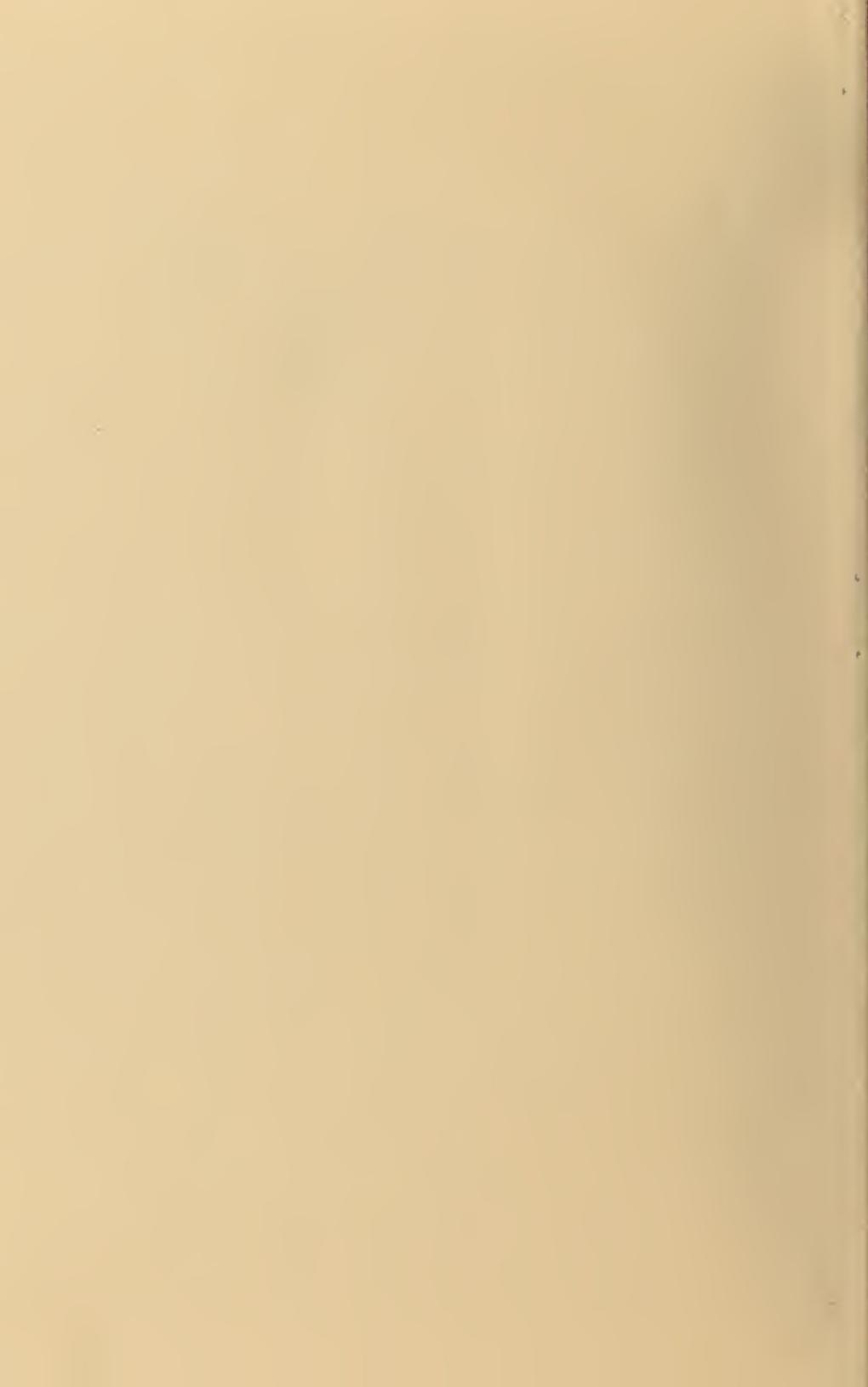
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